

Operations Division Occupational Health and Safety

Field Visit Report

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OHS Case ID: **04508PRMR844**  
Field Visit no: **04508PRMR845** Visit Date: **2020-SEP-25** Field Visit Type: **INITIAL**

Workplace Identification: **BASSI CONSTRUCTION LP** Notice ID:  
**1125 COLONEL BY DRIVE, OTTAWA, ON, CANADA K1S 5B6** **20eN554311**

Telephone: **(416) 562-8662** JHSC Status: **Not required** Work Force #: **5** Completed %:

Persons Contacted: **NANCY DELCELLIER(DIRECTOR-ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY-CARLETON U), TONY LACKEY(EMPLOYER H&S CO-CHAIR-CARLETON U),LINDA CRUZ-WORKER H&S CO-CHAIR-CARLETON U), KEVIN FAGAN(BASSI PROJECT MANAGER), MIKE LANTHIER(BASSI SUPERVISOR), JEREMY COURTNEY(BASSI-H&S)**

Visit Purpose: **TO AUDIT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT AND ITS RELATED REGULATIONS.**

Visit Location: **WES GROUND LEVEL OF DUNTON TOWER**

Visit Summary: **NO ORDERS ISSUED**

**Detailed Narrative:**

The Field Visit was conducted in person and the following persons were contacted:  
Nancy Delcellier(Director-Environmental Health & Safety-Carleton U), Tony Lackey(Employer H&S Co-Chair-Carleton U),Linda Cruz-Worker H&S co-chair-Carleton U), Kevin Fagan(Bassi Project Manager), Mike Lanthier(Bassi Supervisor), Jeremy Courtney(Bassi-H&S).

Project Description:

The constructor's Notice of Project describes the project as:  
-Dunton Tower Building Envelope Repairs/Restoration.  
While on the project, the site superintendant stated the project involves creating control joints along 4 corners of the 30 storey building's brick. The control joints are being installed at the exterior elevations for the maintenance of the brick. Brick and mortar replacement are also in the scope of work. Two suspended work platforms are installed on the west elevation with one platform on the north.

The reason for this visit is to respond to a complaint made to the Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development. The complaint alleges the following:  
Workers are looking up at Dunton Tower located at Carleton University and concerned with falling debris.

Inspector's Findings:

September 24th 2020:  
-Contacted Nancy Delcellier, Director of Environmental Health & Safety, by phone and advised her of the complaint. She mentioned that some restoration work was being completed at the exterior elevations of Dunton Tower. The employer stated that fencing was installed around the perimeter of the project.  
-later received a call from Jeremy Courtney, Bassi Health and Safety Officer confirming that perimeter fencing was installed around the project.

September 25th 2020:

Recipient	Inspector Data	Worker Representative
Name _____	<b>Sebastien Quesnel</b> OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTOR PROVINCIAL OFFENCES OFFICER 347 Preston St. 4th flr, Ottawa, ON, K1S 3J4 HSOttawaDistrict@ontario.ca Tel: (613) 709-6627 Fax: (613) 727-2900	Name _____
Title _____		Title _____
Signature _____	Signature 	Signature _____

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Accompanied by Ministry of Labour Inspector K.Munshaw, an inspection of the project was completed. The site superintendant stated that on September 23rd 2020 after completing control joints on the western elevation movement of the brick at the lower portion of the south/west wall was observed. Bassi stopped work pending further investigation by professional engineers.

IRC Building Sciences Group was employed to provide site conditions. The following is from a document produced by IRC Building Sciences Group and stated the following site instructions:

- i) Between the evening of Sept. 22 and the morning of Sept. 23, 2020 the south side of the west elevation experienced about ¼" of movement downward in the main brick panel. IRC was informed and conducted a site review immediately upon notification.
- ii) Additionally, there is bowing of the brick of ¼" to ½" in approximately 5' of the bottom 8' along the north side control joint of the panel.
- iii) Contractor has been instructed to halt further saw cutting of the control joints.
- iv) Contractor has been instructed to move the swing stage back to this elevation (south side of west elevation).
- v) Contractor has been instructed to open the masonry at the first shelf angle for IRC review. This is scheduled for review at 10:30am on Sept. 24, 2020. IRC will provide further instruction after this review.
- vi) IRC has reviewed the site condition and the client has been informed. Given that the brick is tied to the back-up structure with the original ties, which are in good shape, and the additional helical ties there is no immediate danger of the brick falling off of the building.

At the time of inspection, site instructions were being adhered to by Bassi and proper public way protections are in place.

After discussions with the constructor, a meeting was held with Carleton University Health and Safety Committee members. Discussions regarding the above findings were had and Ontario Regulation 213/91.

A copy of this report was shared with Carleton University Director Of Environmental Health & Safety.

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